

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2018 the City Council introduced a Resolution to include in its 2018-19 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the Keep Families Together Act (Feinstein), inasmuch as it would prohibit an agent or officer of the Department of Homeland Security from moving a child from his or her parent or legal guardian, at or near a United States border or port of entry; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of June 20, 2018 President Trump suggested that he would sign an executive action to end the family separation crisis, in an attempt to be preemptive from any legislative action, though he did not say what exactly he would sign nor what it would entail; and

WHEREAS, this crisis has consumed the nation for days as searing pictures and audio of young migrant children crying after being separated from their parents after crossing the border from Mexico have been released, exposing these historic times of intolerance and anti-immigration sentiment fueled by an aggressive and divisive federal administration; and

WHEREAS, House legislation is using this inhumane and cruel situation as a bargaining chip for a sweeping immigration reform policy; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that the Keep Families Together Act (Feinstein) currently has all 47 Democrats and both Independents as cosponsors, but not one Republican member to have signed on; and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely imperative that the government must act in an expeditious matter to stop immediate separations that are occurring; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important for the City of Los Angeles support any and all actions that would help expedite the passage of the Keep Families Together Act (Feinstein); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-18 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for any fast-tracked or expeditious action that may augment or help the passage of the Keep Families Together Act (Feinstein). The City of Los Angeles will continue to stand with families, and push for laws that protect our children and champion human rights.

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